

Sermon: Gleaning in the Field of God's Love
Series: *Ruth: A Redemption Story*

Scripture: Ruth 2
Date: April 25, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) How is God directing the life of Ruth? Of Boaz? How have you seen God directing your life recently?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Is your life right now more closely parallel with Ruth's or Boaz's? Which of these two examples stand out to you the most?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How is Ruth and Naomi's physical need a picture of your spiritual neediness? Do you see yourself as needing grace each day? What makes this easy/hard?

b) How is Boaz a picture of Jesus and his kindness for you? Can you think about all Boaz did for Ruth and compare it to all Christ has done for you? Does this kindness capture your heart?

APPLICATION

a) Ruth set out to find grace (see 2:2), but she had to get up and move and even take risks, and be courageous. Where might God be asking you to take a risk this week/be courageous/make a move?
OR - Where have you seen God graciously respond when you've made courageous moves in love?

b) Ruth was humble but also demanding of grace. How do you approach God? Are you humble? Are you insistent upon his grace? Do you ask God for his love and kindness, even though you don't deserve it? Why or why not?

c) Who might you be a Boaz to this week? Can you identify someone that could use some tangible mercy and grace? Are you creating safe places for workers/women/sojourners?

d) Does your attitude toward immigrants, women, widows need to change in any way? How might God be showing you that you need a new, more loving, perspective?

FIGHTER VERSES: Colossians 3:1-4.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his providential provision in your life.
- Repent of any fear or selfishness that has been keeping you from loving others.
- Ask God to remind you of his love for you and fill you with the courage to love others.
- Thank Jesus for being your kind and compassionate redeemer that invites you to share his life.